

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312 filed October 2, 2003
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REMARKS

Prosecution is closed on the merits of the subject patent application. The present amendment adds no new matter because the additional priority claim was properly made in the formal filing papers, and due to the divisional nature of the newly listed application, the disclosure is the same as the previously-listed application. Thus it is evident that no new matter is introduced by the present amendment.

SUMMARY

The Cross-References to Related Applications section is updated. The application is believed to remain in condition for allowance.

This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 is accompanied by check for the Issue Fee and Publication Fee, together with the present authorization to charge any further fee needed to Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem the accompanying Fee Transmittal for FY 2004, filed in duplicate, to be the required petition.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,


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